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Political commissars are attached to all Yugoslav vessels which surpass 1,500 tons displacement. This includes trans-oceanic vessels

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smaller vessels and possibly even steamships in contact with northern Europe, only so-called Party agents or representatives are assigned. The latter are visibly charged with some normal or routine duties, and their capacity of Party agent or representative in most cases is known only to the vessel commander. They constitute the real reasons for fear to members of the crew, because of the fact that their presence on board is definitely known but they are not singled out.

- 2. The food on board merchant vessels is both good and abundant. There is no difference between meals for officers and those served to the crew. Cabins and other quarters are comfortable and clean. General treatment of the personnel on board by members of the ship's staff is very good.
- Periodic instruction in political education is given to the men on board, regardless of whether the ship is at port or at sea. Political instruction is usually entrusted to political commissars. In the event that the vessel does not have a political commissar, someone else is entrusted with these duties. There is little enthusiasm among the men in attending these lectures, because they must do it to the detriment of a number of hours of their weekly liberty. 50X1-HUM

The wage scale for the ship's staff and crew, at least on smaller vessels which do not travel along determined routes, is given as follows:

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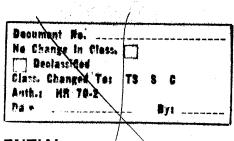
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a.	Commander		5,800 dinars per month;
b.	Chief engineer	<b>.</b>	5,500 dinars per month;
c.	Chief officer and chief engineer		5,300 dinars per month;
d.	Second officer and second engineer	•	Somewhat less than the above;
e.	Machinists and stokers	:	4,000 to 4,500 dinars per month;
f.	Pilots	:	4,000 to 4,500 dinars per month;
g.	Sailors and first-class stewards	:	4,000 dinars per month; and

Second-class stewards



2,800 dinars per month.

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